

I may say that as there is no opportunity for an appeal, what can the Speaker of the House do about this situation? Not very much, I suggest.

I realize that it may very well be that the procedure followed was not the correct one but in view of the Standing Order to which I have referred I do not think it is possible for the Chair to accept an appeal from that procedure. I may say, for the guidance of the Committee if it should meet again some time, that Citation 303 (3) of Beauchesne's Fourth Edition reads as follows: "Committees should be regularly adjourned from day to day, though the Chairman is frequently allowed to arrange the day and hour of sitting, but this can be done only with the general consent of the Committee."

I agree fully that this citation should apply to the Committee. Whether or not it was applied it is difficult for me to determine. I have listened to the arguments advanced by the honourable Member for Cape Breton South (Mr. MacInnis) and by other honourable Members and I do not disagree with their interpretation of what actually took place.

It might well be that the procedure followed in the Committee was not exactly in accordance with our practice, but the remedy must be found in the Committee and not in the House, and I must so rule.

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Mr. Loiselle, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered Bill S-26, An Act respecting The Excelsior Life Insurance Company and has agreed to report it without amendment.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, relating to this Bill (*Issue No. 4*) is appended.

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*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 55 to the Journals).*

Mr. Orlikow, seconded by Mr. Brewin, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-276, An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act (Incriminating statements), which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed consideration in Committee of the Whole of a certain proposed resolution with respect to federal-provincial fiscal arrangements;

And the House continuing in Committee;

Pursuant to Special Order adopted Monday, February 20, 1967, the sitting was suspended between 1.00 o'clock and 2.00 o'clock p.m.

Consideration was resumed in Committee of the Whole of a certain proposed resolution with respect to federal-provincial fiscal arrangements.

*(In the Committee)*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the payment to provinces out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for each fiscal